

February 11, 2003

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, February 19, 2003 - 4:00 p.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

PLEASE NOTE NEW MEETING TIME OF 4:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference, or by telephone conference call. As was discussed at the first meeting of the Committee, proxies would not be allowed. Members who are not able to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit their comments in writing, so that their view would always be a part of the process.

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Refreshments and a light dinner will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact me at (480) 350-8865, or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA**

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u>	3. Information.
An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Committee regarding items on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.	
4. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u>	4. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.
Prior to action on the consent agenda, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.	

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

*4A. <u>Approval of January 15, 2003 Meeting Minutes</u>	4A. Review and approve January 15, 2003 meeting minutes.
*4B. <u>Conformity Consultation</u>	4B. For consultation.
A proposed amendment to the FY 2003-2007 Transportation Improvement Program involves the addition of five new Transportation Enhancement projects in fiscal years 2003 and 2004. In addition, the amendment also includes the deferral of two Maricopa County intersection safety and improvement projects and one Transportation Enhancement project from FY 2002 to FY 2003. An amendment is required to add the new projects to the TIP. The amendment involves new projects that are considered exempt from conformity determinations and minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. A description of the projects is provided in the attached interagency consultation memorandum. Please refer to the enclosed material.	

***4C. Approval of Rubberized Asphalt Improvements**

In January, the funding for the rubberized asphalt improvements was approved by the Regional Council contingent upon the map of the improvements being approved at the February meeting. On January 30, 2003, the Transportation Review Committee recommended the map for the implementation of the rubberized asphalt improvements. The Management Committee will consider this item at their February 12, 2003 meeting. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

***4D. Amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for Safety and Enhancement Fund Projects**

Recently, the State Transportation Board approved Transportation Enhancement Activity (TEA) funding for four projects within the MAG region. In addition, MAG was notified of two Surface Transportation program, Hazard Elimination Safety (STP-HES) funded Maricopa County projects and two TEA funded projects (one for Chandler and one for ADOT) that need to be added to the TIP. These latter four projects were originally programmed in earlier TIPs and were incorrectly reported as being underway during the development of more recent TIPs. It is necessary to amend the current TIP to include these projects in FY 2003 and FY 2004 so that they may proceed to construction. All of the projects concerned are regarded as exempt for air quality purposes and the consultation for this item is considered as a separate agenda item. The Transportation Review Committee unanimously recommended approval of this amendment. The Management Committee will consider this item at their February 12, 2003 meeting. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4C. Recommend approving the map to implement the rubberized asphalt improvements.

4D. Recommend approval of the Transportation Review Committee's recommendation for an amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for federal Transportation Safety and Enhancement funds as shown on the attached Table One.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

5. Discussion of Election Timing

At the January 15, 2003 TPC meeting, the merits of a Spring or Fall 2004 election date were discussed. It was determined that additional information be collected on this issue. A representative from Cantelme, Kaasa and Associates will provide an overview of the pros and cons for both election dates.

6. Regional Transportation Plan Draft Goals and Objectives

At the January 15, 2003 TPC meeting, an initial presentation was made on the draft goals and objectives. Following the meeting, on February 6, 2003, a workshop was held for TPC members and agency staff for a more in-depth discussion of the topic. A presentation will be made to the members of the TPC on the goals and objectives. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Regional Transportation Plan Evaluation Methodology and Performance Measures

At the January 15, 2003 TPC meeting, a presentation of the evaluation methodology was to be presented but was delayed due to time constraints. The evaluation methodology and potential performance measures were presented and discussed at the February 6, 2003 workshop for TPC members and agency staff. Based on the discussion and input received at the workshop, the evaluation methodology document has been revised to reflect the input received. In addition, comments and suggestions concerning the possible performance measures to be used to evaluate the plan alternatives have been incorporated into the document. A brief summary of the evaluation process will be made and further input on the potential performance measures will be solicited. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Legislative Update

At the January 15, 2003 TPC meeting, HB 2288 and HB 2292 were discussed. Major concerns

5. Information, discussion and possible action regarding an election date for the sales tax extension ballot issue.

6. Information, discussion and recommendation to approve the draft goals and objectives for use in the preparation of the Regional Transportation Plan, with the understanding that the goals and objectives may continue to be refined.

7. Information, discussion and input on the evaluation methodology and potential performance measures.

8. Information and discussion.

were expressed with HB 2288 which would establish a transportation district for Maricopa County. Concern was also expressed with HB 2292 as written regarding the role of Maricopa County in the transportation process. At the meeting it was indicated that the cities could individually express their concerns regarding the legislation and the TPC would work with the sponsor of HB 2292 to modify certain provisions of the legislation. On January 29, 2003, the Regional Council voted to oppose both bills and approved seven points to be considered in the legislation. The Regional Council directed the leadership of the TPC to work to communicate the specific concerns regarding the legislation. In a meeting on February 7, 2003, with the sponsor and other legislators, a compromise was reached and on February 10, 2003, an amendment to HB 2292 was provided reflecting the compromise. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Overview of MAG Transportation Studies

For more than one year, MAG has been conducting studies to assist in the development of the Regional Transportation Plan. These studies are now being finished. An overview will be provided on these studies and the highlights of each study. For more in-depth information regarding the studies, a series of workshops will be conducted to review the studies. Also, information on the conclusions of each study will be placed on the MAG website.

10. Future Agenda Items

At the March 19, 2003 TPC meeting, we anticipate discussing the following items:

- Legislative Update
- Evaluation Methodology and Performance Measures
- Alternatives Packages

9. Information and discussion.

10. Information and discussion.